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SUBJECT: FRENCH INTEGRATED CIRCUITS TO POLAND - IL 1564

REFS: A. COCOM DOC (75) 709

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1. USDEL LIFTED HIS RESERVES ON IC'S LISTED IN REF C
JUNE 10, BUT HAD TO REQUEST EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REMAIN-
ING IC'S. FRENCH DEL GRANTED ONE WEEK, TO JUNE 17.

2. IN GRANTING IT, HE MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH WE
QUOTE IN OUR OWN TRANSLATION FROM UNCLEARED DRAFT RECORD
(UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

"....HE DID NOT SEE WHAT PROBLEMS COULD BE RAISED BY
THESE CIRCUITS, WHICH WERE WITHOUT STRATEGIC VALUE. SFC
2723 C, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS A VOLTAGE REGULATOR WHICH COULD
EASILY BE REPLACED BY ONE OR TWO ZENNER DIODES AND ONE
OR TWO RESISTORS, NONE OF THEM UNDER EMBARGO. SFC 2376
DC COULD LIKEWISE BE REPLACED BY TWO ZENNER DIODES. IT
SEEMED DIFFICULT, THEREFORE, TO IMAGINE THAT CONSIGNEE
OF THESE CIRCUITS WOULD THINK OF USING THEM FOR STRATE-
GIC PURPOSES WHEN IT HAD POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A RE-
GULATOR WITH ZENNER DIODES, A COMMON PRACTICE IN INDUS-
TRY, WHERE FIRMS PREFERRED TO AVOID USING INTEGRATED
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CIRCUITS IN TOO GREAT A NUMBER BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS

POSED IN CONTROLLING THEM INTERNALLY. AS FOR VOLTAGE COMPARATORS, SUCH AS THE 2311 EC, THE DEL RECALLED THAT US REQUESTS INVOLVING SUCH DEVICES, BUT ENCAPSULATED IN PACKAGES COMPARABLE TO THE TO5 AND RATED TO OPERATE AT TEMPERATURES FROM -20 DEGREES C. TO PLUS 90 DEGREES C., HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE DEL WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THE PARTICULAR REASONS WHICH HAD LED THE USDEL TO RESERVE THEIR POSITION: DID THEY CONSIDER BANDWIDTH OF THE AMPLIFIER TOO WIDE? OPEN LOOP GAIN TOO HIGH? DRIFT IN RELATION TO TEMPERATURE TOO GREAT? DEL AGREED TO A FURTHER EXTENSION OF ONE WEEK, BUT PROTRACTED RESERVE UNACCOMPANIED BY ANY SPECIFIC QUESTION APPEARED TO HIM DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES."

3. OFF RECORD, FRENCH DEL ADDED THAT FRENCH HAD HOPES OF FREEING SOME OF THESE CIRCUITS IN CURRENT LIST REVIEW. WHEN THEY FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE EVEN TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO THEIR EXPORT UNDER GENERAL EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE, FRENCH HAVE GRAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCCESS OF IL 1564 DISCUSSIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: STATEMENT OF VIEWS OR QUESTIONS BY JUNE 17, BEARING IN MIND FRENCH DEL'S STATEMENT REPORTED ABOVE. IT BEARS DIRECTLY ON POSSIBILITY OF DIVERSION TO STRATEGIC USES.
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